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Angela Polancobrito

On August 21, 2010, a crowd gathered as police arrested an individual near a restaurant in the Bronx. The officers involved in the arrest called for assistance. A woman was walking home from grocery shopping and whose leg was in a brace from recent surgery walked past the restaurant. PO Polancabrito, who had responded to the request for additional officers, told the woman to leave the area. The woman said that she had a leg brace on and could not move faster and that she was not involved in the original arrest. PO Polancobrito then struck the woman with her baton multiple times, and she and another officer took the woman to the ground and handcuffed her. She was taken to the precinct and given a summons for disorderly conduct.

In her CCRB Interview, PO Polancabrito stated that when the woman was asked to leave, she had jumped onto the back of another officer and was hanging on to the officer's shoulders. PO Polancabrito stated that she had arrested the woman but denied striking her with her nightstick.

When shown security camera footage showing her strike the woman with the baton and showing that the woman had not jumped on anyone's back, PO Polancabrito stated that "I can't even see my face . . . if that's me."

The CCRB substantiated allegations that PO Polancabrito had struck the woman with her nightstick and issued a retaliatory summons. It also found that she made a false official statement in her CCRB interview.

The NYPD suspended PO Polancabrito for 32 days and docked her 20 vacation days. PO Polancabrito has since been promoted to the Warrants Squad.

## CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator: Dane Buchanan	Team: Team # 2	CCRB Case #: 201016396	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Force	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discourt.	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S.
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abuse	<input type="checkbox"/> O.L.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Injury
Incident Date(s) Sat, 08/21/2010 7:30 AM	Location of Incident: [REDACTED]	Precinct: 46	18 Mo. SOL 02/21/2012	EO SOL 2/21/2012	
Date/Time CV Reported Tue, 11/30/2010 10:27 AM	CV Reported At: CCRB	How CV Reported: Phone	Date/Time Received at CCRB Tue, 11/30/2010 10:27 AM		

Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Address
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Witness(es)	Home Address
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command
1. POF Angela Polancobrito	04956	§ 87(2)(b)	046 PCT
2. POM Rafael Colon	09125	§ 87(2)(b)	046 PCT
3. POM Steven Eromenok	15515	§ 87(2)(b)	046 PCT
4. POM Ronald Hobson	17689	§ 87(2)(b)	046 PCT
5. POM Sabino Guzman	07622	§ 87(2)(b)	046 PCT
6. POM Gypsy Pichardo	00861	§ 87(2)(b)	046 PCT

Witness Officer(s)	Shield No	Tax No	Cmd Name
1. LT Joyce Williams	00000	§ 87(2)(b)	DB BX
2. SGT Nicole Mcfarlane	01980	§ 87(2)(b)	046 PCT
3. POM Lawrence Dunlay	05380	§ 87(2)(b)	046 PCT
4. POM Christophe Vega	30311	§ 87(2)(b)	046 PCT
5. POM Mark Lopez	24420	§ 87(2)(b)	046 PCT
6. POM Ajish Joy	03562	§ 87(2)(b)	046 PCT

Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
A . POF Angela Polancobrito	Discourtesy: PO Angela Polancobrito spoke obscenely to § 87(2)(b) at East 188th Street and Webster Avenue and at the 46th Precinct Stationhouse in the Bronx.	A . § 87(2)(g)
B . POF Angela Polancobrito	Force: PO Angela Polancobrito used physical force against § 87(2)(b) at East 188th Street and Webster Avenue in the Bronx.	B . § 87(2)(g)
C . POF Angela Polancobrito	Force: PO Angela Polancobrito struck § 87(2)(b) with an asp at East 188th Street and Webster Avenue in the Bronx.	C . § 87(2)(g)
D . POM Steven Eromenok	Force: PO Steven Eromenok used physical force against § 87(2)(b) at East 188th Street and Webster Avenue in the Bronx.	D . § 87(2)(g)

Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
E . POM Gypsy Pichardo	Force: PO Gypsy Pichardo used physical force against § 87(2)(b) at East 188th Street and Webster Avenue in the Bronx.	E . § 87(2)(g)
F . POF Angela Polancobrito	Abuse of Authority: PO Angela Polancobrito refused to provide her name and shield number to § 87(2)(b) at the 46th Precinct Stationhouse.	F . § 87(2)(g)
G . POF Angela Polancobrito	Abuse of Authority: PO Angela Polancobrito threatened to arrest § 87(2)(b) at the 46th Precinct Stationhouse.	G . § 87(2)(g)
H . POF Angela Polancobrito	Abuse of Authority: PO Angela Polancobrito issued a summons to § 87(2)(b).	H . § 87(2)(g)
I . POF Angela Polancobrito	Other: PO Angela Polancobrito intentionally made a false official statement in violation of Patrol Guide Procedure 203-08.	I . § 87(2)(g)
§ 87(4-b), § 87(2)(g)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
§ 87(4-b), § 87(2)(g)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
§ 87(4-b), § 87(2)(g)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
§ 87(4-b), § 87(2)(g)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

### Case Summary

§ 87(2)(b) called the CCRB on November 30, 2010 to file the following complaint (encl. 4A – 4C).

On August 21, 2010 at approximately 7:30 a.m., § 87(2)(b) was arrested at East 188<sup>th</sup> Street and Webster Avenue in the Bronx by PO Angela Polancobrito of the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct. The following allegations resulted:

- **Allegation A – Discourtesy:** PO Angela Polancobrito spoke obscenely to § 87(2)(b) at East 188th Street and Webster Avenue and at the 46th Precinct Stationhouse in the Bronx.
- **Allegation B – Force:** PO Angela Polancobrito used physical force against § 87(2)(b) at East 188th Street and Webster Avenue in the Bronx. § 87(2)(g)
- **Allegation C – Force:** PO Angela Polancobrito struck § 87(2)(b) with an asp at East 188th Street and Webster Avenue in the Bronx. § 87(2)(g)
- **Allegation D – Force:** PO Steven Eromenok used physical force against § 87(2)(b) at East 188th Street and Webster Avenue in the Bronx. § 87(2)(g)
- **Allegation E – Force:** PO Gypsy Pichardo used physical force against § 87(2)(b) at East 188th Street and Webster Avenue in the Bronx.
- **Allegation F – Abuse of Authority:** PO Angela Polancobrito refused to provide her name and shield number to § 87(2)(b) at the 46th Precinct Stationhouse.
- **Allegation G – Abuse of Authority:** PO Angela Polancobrito threatened to arrest § 87(2)(b) at the 46th Precinct Stationhouse. § 87(2)(g)
- **Allegation H – Abuse of Authority:** PO Angela Polancobrito issued a summons to § 87(2)(b) § 87(2)(g)
- **Allegation I – Other Misconduct:** PO Angela Polancobrito intentionally made a false official statement in violation of Patrol Guide Procedure 203-08. § 87(2)(g)

§ 87(4-b), § 87(2)(g)

## Results of Investigation

### Civilian Statement(s)

**Complainant/Victim:** § 87(2)(b)

§ 87(2)(b)

### CCRB Testimony

§ 87(2)(b) provided a telephone statement when she filed her complaint. She provided another telephone statement on December 2, 2010. § 87(2)(b) was interviewed at the CCRB on December 16, 2010 (encl. 5A – 5D). § 87(2)(g)

On August 21, 2010 at approximately 7:30 a.m., § 87(2)(b) was walking home from a friend's house while wearing a pink tank top. She had recent leg surgery and was wearing an immobilizer underneath her pants on her right leg, causing her to walk slowly. As § 87(2)(b) reached East 188<sup>th</sup> Street and Webster Avenue she noticed a lot of police officers and civilians in the street. She did not know what was going on but since the commotion seemed to be in the street § 87(2)(b) assumed that the sidewalk was free to walk on.

While in front of the § 87(2)(b) at the intersection of East 188<sup>th</sup> Street and Webster Avenue, an officer, identified through investigation as PO Angela Polancobrito of the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct, told § 87(2)(b) “Get the fuck out of the way” and pushed her from behind. § 87(2)(b) braced herself against the door of the restaurant and PO Polancobrito told her multiple times to, “Hurry the fuck up.” When § 87(2)(b) tried to explain that she was wearing a leg brace, PO Polancobrito asked, “What did you say?” and took out her baton and struck § 87(2)(b) three or four times. § 87(2)(b) backed up and blocked the blows with her right forearm, where most of them hit.

An officer, identified through investigation as PO Gypsy Pichardo of the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct, grabbed § 87(2)(b)'s shoulders from behind, causing her to fall onto her back. PO Polancobrito grabbed her right leg and another officer, identified through investigation as PO Steven Eromenok of the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct, grabbed her left leg and the three officers dragged her from the corner to an RMP in the middle of the street where they sat her up and handcuffed her. When the officers told her to get into the vehicle she told them that she had an immobilizer on which prevented her leg from bending. PO Polancobrito told her to shut up and PO Pichardo pushed her into the RMP.

§ 87(2)(b) was transported to the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct Stationhouse. PO Polancobrito took her to the back of the precinct, searched her and told her that she would let § 87(2)(b) leave with no § 87(2)(b). § 87(2)(b) asked PO Polancobrito for her name and badge number and told her that she was going to make a complaint against her. PO Polancobrito responded, “Since you’re going to make a complaint you can get your ass back in the cage.” § 87(2)(b) was placed in the cells where she was kept for approximately two hours. When § 87(2)(b) was removed from the cell and taken to the front desk, the desk officer, identified through investigation as Sergeant Nicole McFarlane of the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct, noticed § 87(2)(b) trying to see PO Polancobrito’s badge number as PO Polancobrito was writing her two summonses. Sergeant McFarlane asked her if she wanted the officer’s name and badge number and when § 87(2)(b) replied that she did Sergeant McFarlane wrote it down on a piece of paper. The handcuffs were taken off of § 87(2)(b) and Sergeant McFarlane gave her the piece of paper and PO Polancobrito gave her the two summonses. As § 87(2)(b) exited the precinct, PO Polancobrito grabbed the piece of paper from

her hand and when § 87(2)(b) objected, PO Polancobrito told her to leave or she could get right back into the cells. § 87(2)(b) then left the precinct. § 87(2)(b) then went to § 87(2)(b). Her right forearm was bruised and swollen from being struck with the baton and she had scrapes and bruises to her back and her buttocks from being dragged. § 87(2)(b) also indicated her leg injury was aggravated when she was pushed into the RMP. She did not know the names of any witnesses but indicated that several people who knew her family ran to her mother's house and told her what happened. One of these unknown individuals recorded the incident on a cell phone. This video was provided to the CCRB by § 87(2)(b)'s civil attorney.

### **Attempts to Contact Civilians**

Field work was conducted on January 11, 2011. The undersigned investigator spoke to the manager of § 87(2)(b), who indicated that they only store their security footage for three days. Letters posted in the area of the incident failed to yield any witnesses.

The 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct Command log indicated that there were five other arrests stemming from the incident: § 87(2)(b), § 87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b). Their addresses were obtained from the Command Log and letters were sent to all of them on January 24, 2011 and February 1, 2011. Both letters sent to § 87(2)(b) were returned by the United States Postal Service. A Lexis-Nexis search for § 87(2)(b) found one additional address for him and letters were sent to the new address on February 10, 2011 and February 14, 2011. These letters were also returned by the United States Postal Service. The letters sent to § 87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b) were not returned by the United States Postal Service. A search of the Cole's Directory failed to find any possible phone numbers for § 87(2)(b) or § 87(2)(b). One phone number was found for § 87(2)(b) and calls were made to that number on February 2, 2011, February 7, 2011, February 10, 2011, February 14, 2011 and February 16, 2011. These calls revealed that the number was not in service. To date, none of these individuals have responded to these contact attempts.

### **NYPD Statement(s):**

#### **Subject Officer: PO ANGELA POLANCOBRITO**

- *She is a Hispanic female who was § 87(2)(b) years old at the time of the incident. She is 5'7" tall, weighs 130 pounds and has black hair and brown eyes.*
- *She is assigned to the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct. She worked, in uniform, from 11:15 p.m. on August 20, 2010 until 7:50 a.m. on August 21, 2010. She was assigned to patrol sectors I and J with PO Rafael Colon in a marked RMP.*

#### **Memo Book**

At 7:00 a.m., PO Polancobrito responded to a call for additional units made by Sector C/D at East 188<sup>th</sup> Street and Webster Avenue. At 7:20 a.m., PO Polancobrito had two under for disorderly conduct for engaging in fighting and violent behavior against PO Polancobrito, placing her in fear for her safety. § 87(2)(b) threatened to sue the NYPD and was apparently intoxicated and got an earlier summons for drinking in public with an open container. § 87(2)(b) swung at PO Polancobrito and PO Polancobrito had to display the baton but just used the minimum amount of force. § 87(2)(b) refused to move and swung at PO Polancobrito and other officers at the scene on more than one occasion. § 87(2)(b) told PO Polancobrito not to touch her because she



would sue her and repeated in an attempt to intimidate the officers from doing their job. She was handcuffed by other officers at the scene. At 8:42 a.m., § 87(2)(b) was given another summons for refusing orders and using obscene language in front of people inside of the precinct. § 87(2)(b) also indicated that her father was a sergeant and said, "You can not do shit to me bitch, I am untouchable. Fuck everybody." At 9:45 a.m., § 87(2)(b) was released (encl. 7A – 7F).

### Summonses

The summonses issued to § 87(2)(b) were unable to be obtained by the IAB Liaison unit.

### CCRB Testimony

PO Angela Polancobrito was interviewed at the CCRB on March 22, 2011 (encl. 7G – 7I). PO Polancobrito responded to a call for additional units and when she arrived there were a lot of people who were very irritated and acted as if they were drunk. The crowd acted out of control, jumping, swinging and pushing the officers and refusing to leave. PO Polancobrito displayed her baton and, grabbing it with two hands on either end, used it to push people back to prevent herself from getting hurt. PO Polancobrito did not strike anyone with her baton.

One female, identified through investigation as § 87(2)(b) refused to leave when an unknown officer and PO Polancobrito told her to disperse. The unknown officer had his back to § 87(2)(b) and she jumped on his back, hanging onto the officer by his shoulders. PO Polancobrito grabbed § 87(2)(b) and put her against the wall. Lieutenant Williams also ordered PO Polancobrito to arrest § 87(2)(b) after she had jumped on the officer's back. § 87(2)(b) flailed her arms, swung at PO Polancobrito and pushed her. § 87(2)(b) had a very strong odor of alcohol on her breath and was acting like an EDP. PO Polancobrito indicated that she had her baton displayed before but did not recall using it against § 87(2)(b). Another officer assisted PO Polancobrito in handcuffing her.

At the stationhouse, PO Polancobrito placed her in the cells and searched her. She discovered that § 87(2)(b) had received a summons for an open container the previous night at approximately 9:00 p.m. § 87(2)(b) told her that that she better let her out of the cells and that her father was § 87(2)(b) and if she did not release her he would get her fired. PO Polancobrito ignored her and gave her the summons and told § 87(2)(b) that she was ready to go. § 87(2)(b) refused to leave and told PO Polancobrito that she would not get away with this and that she would regret it. § 87(2)(b) sat on the steps of the stationhouse and blocked the door and refused to move while yelling and cursing at the officers around her. PO Polancobrito and other unidentified officers told her a couple of times to move but § 87(2)(b) refused and Lieutenant Williams ordered PO Polancobrito to place her back in the cells and issue her another summons. PO Polancobrito also called § 87(2)(b)'s father to see if § 87(2)(b) was telling the truth. § 87(2)(b) § 87(2)(b) told PO Polancobrito to give her a summons because his daughter was out of control and he was tired of her bad behavior. § 87(2)(b) was held in the cells for about 10 minutes before she was released with a second summons for disorderly conduct. § 87(2)(b) was still saying things after receiving this summons but left.

PO Polancobrito did not recall telling § 87(2)(b) to get the "fuck" out of her way or using any profanity against her. She did not recall pushing § 87(2)(b) or hitting her with her baton. She did not recall § 87(2)(b) being dragged to the RMP after she was handcuffed. She did not recall her asking for her name and badge number. She did not recall telling § 87(2)(b) that since she was going to make a complaint she could get her "ass" back in the cage. She did not recall if another officer ever provided § 87(2)(b) with her name and shield number on a piece of paper.

At the end of her interview, PO Polancobrito was shown the video of the incident. When asked if the officer using the baton in the video was her, PO Polancobrito replied, "I can't even see my face... if that's me." She did not recall if that was her and did not recall if the civilian was § 87(2)(b). The video did not help her recall anything more about the incident.

**Subject Officer: PO STEVEN EROMENOK**

- *He is a white male who was § 87(2)(b) years old at the time of the incident. He is 6'2" tall, weighs 275 pounds and has brown hair and brown eyes.*
- *He is assigned to the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct. He worked, in uniform, from 11:15 p.m. on August 20, 2010 until 7:50 a.m. on August 21, 2010. He was assigned to patrol sectors K and P with PO Lawrence Dunlay in a marked RMP.*

**Memo Book**

PO Eromenok had no memo book entries regarding the incident (encl. 11A – 11D).

**CCRB Testimony**

PO Steven Eromenok was interviewed at the CCRB on April 20, 2011 (encl. 11E – 11F). On August 21, 2010 at approximately 7:30 a.m., PO Eromenok and PO Dunlay responded to a call for additional units and upon arriving there were already a lot of officers there. There were patches of people in the area who attempted to interfere with the arrests and refused to move away from the scene. PO Eromenok could not recall the incident that well and did not recall assisting in arresting anyone. PO Eromenok was shown the video clip of the incident but it did not refresh his memory. He could not recognize if he was one of the officers in the video.

**Subject Officer: PO GYPSY PICHARDO**

- *He is a Hispanic male who was § 87(2)(b) years old at the time of the incident. He is 6'4" tall, weighs 240 pounds and is bald and has green eyes.*
- *He is assigned to the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct. He worked, in uniform, from 11:15 p.m. on August 20, 2010 until 7:50 a.m. on August 21, 2010. He was assigned to patrol sector H with PO Hobson in a marked RMP.*

**Memo Book**

At 7:18 a.m. he responded to a call for additional units to East 188<sup>th</sup> Street and Webster Avenue. At 7:28 a.m. he arrived back at the precinct (encl. 15A – 15C).

**CCRB Testimony**

PO Gypsy Pichardo was interviewed at the CCRB on May 24, 2011 (encl. 15D – 15E). On August 21, 2010, PO Pichardo responded to a call for additional units for a disorderly group. Upon arriving to the scene, there was about 10 – 20 people on the street and sidewalk who were mostly intoxicated. PO Pichardo could tell they were intoxicated because they smelled of alcohol. The crowd refused to move and yelled at the officers who tried to get them to disperse.

One heavyset Hispanic female, identified through investigation as § 87(2)(b) was told to move and refused and cursed and yelled back at the male and female officers around her. PO Pichardo could not recall the identities of these officers. § 87(2)(b) pushed an officer, PO Pichardo could not recall who, and then the officers attempted to arrest her. She resisted arrest by



refusing to put her hands behind her back and pushing the officers. PO Pichardo could not recall if an officer used an asp against her. PO Pichardo could not recall if he assisted in handcuffing § 87(2)(b) but recalled that he assisted in putting her into an RMP. § 87(2)(b) resisted being placed into the RMP by pushing back away from the car. § 87(2)(b) told the officers that she had a leg brace on and that it caused her to have a hard time walking. Before being placed into the vehicle, § 87(2)(b) fell on the ground on her own and PO Pichardo had to pick her up and put her in the car. PO Pichardo could not recall if she was pushed in or placed into the vehicle. He did not see her at the precinct after the incident.

PO Pichardo never heard an officer yell, “Get the fuck out of my way” or use any profanity against her. He never saw an officer push § 87(2)(b) or strike her with an asp. He never dragged her to the RMP. After seeing the video, PO Pichardo indicated that he did not think that was § 87(2)(b) was the female he had helped to arrest and he did not think he was any of the officers pictured in the video. He did not recall the scene in the video happening at the incident.

**Witness Officer: LIEUTENANT JOYCE WILLIAMS**

- *She is a black female who was § 87(2)(b) years old at the time of the incident. She is 5’4” tall, weighs 140 pounds and has black hair and brown eyes.*
- *She is assigned to the Detective Borough Bronx. On August 21, 2010, she was assigned to the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct. She worked, in uniform, from 11:00 p.m. on August 20, 2010 until 7:45 a.m. on August 21, 2010. She was assigned as the platoon commander and worked alone. She was assigned to marked RMP 3247.*

**Memo Book**

At 7:15 a.m., Lieutenant Williams arrived at East 188<sup>th</sup> Street and Webster Avenue in response to a call for additional units made by sector CD of the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct. Upon her arrival she saw the officers struggling with the perp who refused to put his hands behind his back and continued to struggle with MOS. Lieutenant Williams maced him and he was handcuffed. The 46<sup>th</sup> PCT sector CD unit identified another person at the scene to be arrested and he ran. They chased him to § 87(2)(b) where PO Hobson and PO Guzman placed him under arrest § 87(2)(b). Two females were also placed under arrest for § 87(2)(b) for yelling and screaming at the scene and failing to disperse when told to. At 7:20 a.m. they had 6 arrests and they were removed to the precinct. At 7:45 a.m., Lieutenant Williams arrived at the precinct. At 8:30 a.m., while 1 female was being released she started cursing and harassing PO Polancobrito by putting her face towards PO Polancobrito’s face. She had to be told to keep her hands behind her back while being brought to the desk to be released. Lieutenant Williams told PO Polancobrito to put her back in the cell and give her another summons (encl. 8A – 8K).

**CCRB Testimony**

Lieutenant Joyce Williams was interviewed at the CCRB on April 4, 2011 (encl. 8L – 8N). On August 21, 2010, Lieutenant Williams recalled hearing PO Ajish Joy and PO Christopher Vega call for additional units. Lieutenant Williams was the first to arrive and assisted them in arresting a struggling perpetrator. Another perpetrator was chased into § 87(2)(b) where he was arrested by PO Hobson and PO Guzman. A large crowd of 10 – 20 people formed on East 188<sup>th</sup> Street between Webster Avenue and Marion Avenue and argued with the officers, who tried to get them to disperse.

Lieutenant Williams vaguely remembered two females being arrested on the corner of East 188<sup>th</sup> Street and Webster Avenue. There were too many people on the corner so Lieutenant Williams made a general order to nearby officers to get them to disperse. She did not specifically order any officers to do so. She did not indicate that she saw any civilians jumping on any officer's back. PO Polancobrito went to the corner where she argued with a heavyset Hispanic female, who Lieutenant Williams identified as § 87(2)(b). PO Polancobrito told § 87(2)(b) to move and § 87(2)(b) argued that she did not have to go. Lieutenant Williams did not recall seeing how § 87(2)(b) was arrested or if an asp was used against her. Lieutenant Williams never heard PO Polancobrito say, "Get the fuck out of my way" or use any other profanity. § 87(2)(b) was uncooperative after she was handcuffed and threw herself to the floor. Two officers had to pick her up and place her in the RMP. They did not drag her on the floor. Lieutenant Williams did not recall if § 87(2)(b) ever complained about having a leg brace on.

While at the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct Stationhouse, Lieutenant Williams was near the front desk when PO Polancobrito brought out § 87(2)(b) to release her with a summons. When § 87(2)(b) was brought to the desk she would not listen to PO Polancobrito and they yelled back and forth at each other. Lieutenant Williams did not know what they were arguing about. When § 87(2)(b) got to the desk, Lieutenant Williams told her that she was getting released with a summons and that she needed to keep her hands behind her back and be quiet. § 87(2)(b) refused and called PO Polancobrito a "bitch" and cursed at her while getting very close to the officer's face. Lieutenant Williams did not recall if § 87(2)(b) flailed her arms but remembered that they were not behind her back. Lieutenant Williams told PO Polancobrito that she could not release her the way she was and to put her back in the cell. Lieutenant Williams could not recall if § 87(2)(b) ever spoke to the desk sergeant or if any officer gave § 87(2)(b) a piece of paper.

To Lieutenant Williams's knowledge, § 87(2)(b) never claimed that her father was § 87(2)(b). She did not know if PO Polancobrito had called her father to confirm that information and thought that if either were the case PO Polancobrito would have said something to her. She did not recall hearing § 87(2)(b) ask PO Polancobrito for her name and badge number. She did not hear PO Polancobrito tell § 87(2)(b) that since she wanted to make a complaint she could get her "ass" back into the cage. § 87(2)(b) never went outside prior to being placed back into the cells. She never sat on the front steps of the stationhouse yelling or cursing.

Lieutenant Williams was shown the video clip of the incident at the end of her interview. She recognized the female officer using the asp as PO Polancobrito. Lieutenant Williams indicated that she did not recall seeing this happen during the incident. She identified one of the male officers assisting PO Polancobrito as PO Steven Eromenok of the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct. She could not identify any other officers. She did not recall if the unidentified black female in a white shirt was arrested.

**Witness Officer: SERGEANT NICOLE MCFARLANE**

- *She is a black female who was § 87(2)(b) years old at the time of the incident. She is 5'4" tall, weighs 145 pounds and has dark brown hair and brown eyes.*
- *She is assigned to the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct. On August 21, 2010, she worked, in uniform, from 6:55 a.m. until 3:52 p.m. She was assigned as the desk officer.*

**Memo Book**

As the desk officer, Sergeant McFarlane did not create any memo book entries.

**CCRB Testimony**

Sergeant Nicole McFarlane was interviewed at the CCRB on April 6, 2011 (encl. 10C – 10D). Sergeant McFarlane recalled that when she came onto the desk § 87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b) were in the holding cells. Lieutenant Williams was near the desk as well and while Sergeant McFarlane was doing entries, Lieutenant Williams told her that the two female prisoners would be released shortly. Sergeant McFarlane was busy with paperwork when suddenly Lieutenant Williams told her that § 87(2)(b) was not leaving because she had been mouthing off. Sergeant McFarlane did not see or hear § 87(2)(b) mouthing off. § 87(2)(b) was released later on and Sergeant McFarlane did not recall anything being wrong when she left or her saying much.

Sergeant McFarlane never spoke with § 87(2)(b) and never heard her ask for PO Polancobrito's name and shield number. Sergeant McFarlane did not think she gave § 87(2)(b) a piece of paper with PO Polancobrito's name and shield number on it. She never heard PO Polancobrito tell § 87(2)(b) that she could get her "ass" back in the cage. Sergeant McFarlane did not recall § 87(2)(b) sitting on the precinct steps while yelling and screaming.

**Witness Officer: PO RAFAEL COLON**

- *He is a Hispanic male who was § 87(2)(b) years old at the time of the incident. He is 5'4" tall, weighs 170 pounds and has black hair and brown eyes.*
- *He is assigned to the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct. He worked, in uniform, from 11:15 p.m. on August 20, 2010 until 7:50 a.m. on August 21, 2010. He was assigned to patrol sectors I and J with PO Angela Polancobrito in marked RMP 1829.*

**Memo Book**

PO Colon had no memo book entries regarding the incident (encl. 9A – 9C).

**CCRB Testimony**

PO Rafael Colon was interviewed at the CCRB on April 5, 2011 (encl. 9D – 9E). When PO Colon and PO Polancobrito arrived at the scene they split up and he did not see her again until they left the scene. He did not see her arrest anyone and did not recall her issuing any summonses that day.

**Witness Officer: PO LAWRENCE DUNLAY**

- *He is a white male who was § 87(2)(b) years old at the time of the incident. He is 6'1" tall, weighs 215 pounds and has grey hair and blue eyes.*
- *He is assigned to the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct. He worked, in uniform, from 11:15 p.m. on August 20, 2010 until 7:50 a.m. on August 21, 2010. He was assigned to sectors K and P with PO Steven Eromenok in a marked RMP.*

**Memo Book**

At 7:20 a.m. he responded to a call for additional units at 188<sup>th</sup> and Webster Avenue (encl. 12A – 12D).

**CCRB Testimony**

PO Lawrence Dunlay was interviewed at the CCRB on April 20, 2011 (encl. 12E – 12F). On August 21, 2010 at approximately 7:30 a.m., PO Dunlay and PO Eromenok responded to an 85 at 188<sup>th</sup> and Webster. When they arrived there was a hostile crowd that was yelling and screaming at the officers. PO Dunlay saw someone get arrested but he could not recall what the person looked like or whether the person was a male or female. He did not assist in handcuffing any civilians and did not see any officer use their asp. PO Dunlay was shown the video clip but it did not refresh his memory regarding the incident.

**Witness Officer: PO RONALD HOBSON**

- *He is a black male who was § 87(1) years old at the time of the incident. He is 5'11" tall, weighs 215 pounds and has black hair and brown eyes.*
- *He is assigned to the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct. He worked, in uniform, from 11:15 p.m. on August 20, 2010 until 7:50 a.m. on August 21, 2010. He was assigned to patrol with PO Gypsy Pichardo in a marked RMP.*

**Memo Book**

PO Hobson had no memo book entries regarding the incident (encl. 13A – 13C).

**CCRB Testimony**

PO Ronald Hobson was interviewed at the CCRB on May 3, 2011 (encl. 13D – 13E). PO Hobson and PO Pichardo responded to a call for additional units and when they arrived, PO Hobson was instructed by Lieutenant Joyce Williams to arrest a male. He and PO Sabino Guzman chased the male and eventually handcuffed him. There was a crowd of about 50 people at the scene. Some of these people were just people walking to work and had stopped to see what was going on while others were yelling and cursing at the police. PO Hobson did not see any civilians jumping on officers. PO Hobson did not assist in any other arrests and did not see anyone else get arrested. PO Hobson was shown the video clip but it did not refresh his memory regarding the incident.

**Witness Officer: PO AJISH JOY**

- *He is an Asian male who was § 87(1) years old at the time of the incident. He is 5'10" tall, weighs 190 pounds and has black hair and brown eyes.*
- *He is assigned to the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct. He worked, in uniform, from 11:15 p.m. on August 20, 2010 until 7:50 a.m. on August 21, 2010. He was assigned to patrol sectors C and D with PO Christopher Vega in a marked RMP.*

**Memo Book**

At 7:15 a.m. he had a pick up of an assault at 188<sup>th</sup> Street and Webster Avenue. At 7:20 a.m. he had four arrests and two juvenile arrests. At 7:25 a.m. he transported two juveniles to the precinct (encl. 16A – 16E).

**CCRB Testimony**

PO Ajish Joy was interviewed at the CCRB on May 26, 2011 (encl. 16F – 16G). On August 21, 2010, PO Joy and PO Vega noticed a fight between two young boys at the corner of East 188<sup>th</sup> Street and Webster Avenue. He and PO Vega exited the car and arrested them. Another individual, § 87(2)(b) attempted to grab one of the individuals and they struggled to

arrest him, causing them to call for additional units. After additional units arrived they were able to handcuff him. PO Joy did not assist in any other arrests and did not see a Hispanic female get arrested.

**Witness Officer: PO MARK LOPEZ**

- *He is a Hispanic male who was § 87(2)(b) years old at the time of the incident. He is 6' tall, weighs 225 pounds and has black hair and brown eyes.*
- *He is assigned to the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct. On August 21, 2010, he worked, in uniform, from 8:05 a.m. until 4:40 p.m. He was assigned to stationhouse security.*

**Memo Book**

PO Lopez had no memo book entries regarding the incident (encl. 14A – 14C).

**CCRB Testimony**

PO Mark Lopez was interviewed at the CCRB on May 10, 2011 (encl. 14D – 14E). PO Lopez did not recall the incident.

**Witness Officer: PO SABINO GUZMAN**

- *He is a Hispanic male who was § 87(2)(b) years old at the time of the incident. He is 5'8" tall, weighs 210 pounds and is bald and has brown eyes.*
- *He is assigned to the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct. He worked, in uniform, from 11:15 p.m. on August 20, 2010 until 7:50 a.m. on August 21, 2010. He was assigned to patrol sectors M and N with PO Alberto Cruz in a marked RMP.*

**Memo Book**

PO Guzman had no memo book entries regarding the incident (encl. 17A – 17C).

**CCRB Testimony**

PO Sabino Guzman was interviewed at the CCRB on June 2, 2011 (encl. 17D – 17E). PO Guzman did not recall the incident and did not believe he responded to it.

**Medical Records**

§ 87(2)(b)



**NYPD Document(s)**



### **SPRINT S04773**

A male officer identifying himself as the 46th Precinct conditions sergeant indicated that he had arrived at the scene and asked the dispatcher to find the lieutenant. The dispatcher raised the 46th Precinct lieutenant, who indicated that her location was § 87(2)(b) and that they had 1 under at that location. She indicated that no further units were needed and that sector C had another person under arrest at 188th and Webster Avenue. The dispatcher reiterated the call for no further units (encl. 19A – 19B).

### **Other Evidence**

#### **Video of the Incident**

The video was provided to the CCRB by § 87(2)(b)'s civil attorney (encl. 6A – 6G). When the clip begins, there are approximately eight people on the corner of East 188th Street and Webster Avenue. The people are virtually quiet and are standing around watching what is occurring down the block, where at least four RMPs are parked in the middle of the street (Video Screen Shot 1).

- 0:02 – An unidentifiable female shouts something unintelligible.
- 0:04 – An officer, identified through investigation as PO Angela Polancobrito, yells, "Shut up? Did you tell me to shut up?" while walking towards the group of people on the corner (Video Screen Shot 2).
- 0:06 – § 87(2)(b) who is wearing a pink shirt, comes into view. She is facing PO Polancobrito and it becomes apparent that PO Polancobrito is directing her attention at her. § 87(2)(b)'s hands are not raised. There are no other officers in the vicinity.
- 0:07 – § 87(2)(b) moves backwards a couple of steps, although you can not tell if it is because PO Polancobrito pushed her or because § 87(2)(b) moved back on her own. As § 87(2)(b) moves back, PO Polancobrito reaches for her asp (Video Screen Shot 3). In one fluid motion, PO Polancobrito takes out her asp and strikes § 87(2)(b) once in the right arm, which § 87(2)(b) has raised to deflect the strike (Video Screen Shot 4). PO Polancobrito continues to go after § 87(2)(b) swinging her baton two or three more times. It sounds as if at least one of these swings connects with § 87(2)(b) who is backing up against a wall in an attempt to get away from the attack.
- 0:13 – Two officers, determined through investigation to be PO Gypsy Pichardo and PO Steven Eromenok, pull § 87(2)(b) away from PO Polancobrito, who is still going after § 87(2)(b) (Video screen Shot 5). An unidentified black female in a white t-shirt has her arm outstretched towards them, but does not touch them and does not appear to be saying anything.
- 0:14 – After § 87(2)(b) is pulled away, PO Polancobrito attacks the unidentified black female, raising her baton to strike her (Video Screen Shot 6). Although you can not see if PO Polancobrito strikes the black female, you hear someone being struck with an asp off camera. § 87(2)(b) is surrounded by several officers and is against the building, presumably being handcuffed. The rest of the video does not show what happens with § 87(2)(b) or PO Polancobrito.

#### **Summons for Incident and Disposition**

- According to the Bronx Criminal Court, as of June 6, 2011, PO Polancobrito has not filed summons # § 87(2)(b). Bronx Criminal Court also indicated that summons # § 87(2)(b) is



an invalid number; no information could be gained regarding the disposition of § 87(2)(b)s second summons.

#### **Status of Civil Proceedings**

- § 87(2)(b) filed a Notice of Claim with the City of New York on October 26, 2010, claiming false arrest, false imprisonment, assault and battery at the hands of the NYPD and is seeking \$3,000,000 as redress (encl. 22A – 22B).

#### **Civilian(s) Criminal History**

- As of June 6, 2011, Office of Court Administration records reveal the following criminal convictions for § 87(2)(b) (encl. 23A – 23D).
  - § 87(2)(b)

#### **Civilian(s) CCRB History**

- This is the first CCRB complaint filed by § 87(2)(b) (encl. 3).

#### **Subject Officer(s) CCRB History**

- PO Polancobrito has been a member of the service for five years and there are two substantiated CCRB allegations against her (encl. 2A – 2C).
  - In CCRB case 200614102, an allegation of pepper spray was substantiated against PO Polancobrito. The NYPD imposed a command B discipline against her.
  - In CCRB case 200818612, an allegation of discourtesy was substantiated against PO Polancobrito. The NYPD imposed a command B discipline against her.
- PO Eromenok has been a member of the service for five years and there are no substantiated CCRB allegations against him (encl. 2D).
- PO Pichardo has been a member of the service for four years and there are no substantiated CCRB allegations against him (encl. 2E).
- PO Hobson has been a member of the service for four years and there are no substantiated CCRB allegations against him (encl. 2F).
- PO Colon has been a member of the service for four years and there are no substantiated CCRB allegations against him (encl. 2G).
- PO Guzman has been a member of the service for four years and there are no substantiated CCRB allegations against him (encl. 2H).

#### **Conclusion**

#### **Identification of Subject Officer(s)**

- PO Polancobrito acknowledged interacting with § 87(2)(b)
- PO Eromenok was identified by Lieutenant Williams from the video.
- Although PO Pichardo did not think that the woman he helped arrest was § 87(2)(b) the investigation determined through his testimony that § 87(2)(b) is who he arrested and that he is a subject officer.

## Investigative Findings and Recommendations

**Allegation A – Discourtesy: PO Angela Polancobrito spoke obscenely to § 87(2)(b) at East 188th Street and Webster Avenue and at the 46th Precinct Stationhouse in the Bronx.**

**Allegation B – Force: PO Angela Polancobrito used physical force against § 87(2)(b) at East 188th Street and Webster Avenue in the Bronx.**

**Allegation D – Force: PO Steven Eromenok used physical force against § 87(2)(b) at East 188th Street and Webster Avenue in the Bronx.**

**Allegation E – Force: PO Gypsy Pichardo used physical force against § 87(2)(b) at East 188th Street and Webster Avenue in the Bronx.**

§ 87(2)(b) alleged that PO Polancobrito cursed at her throughout the incident. She also alleged that PO Polancobrito pushed her from behind and that after she was in custody, PO Polancobrito, PO Eromenok and PO Pichardo dragged her from the corner to the RMP. § 87(2)(b) also alleged that after indicating that she could not bend her knee due to her leg brace, PO Pichardo pushed her into the RMP.

PO Polancobrito denied that she ever cursed at § 87(2)(b) or pushed her. PO Polancobrito and PO Pichardo denied that they dragged § 87(2)(b) on the floor and PO Eromenok did not recall assisting in the arrest of § 87(2)(b). PO Pichardo did not recall if § 87(2)(b) was pushed into the RMP. The officers' had poor recollections of the incident § 87(2)(g). Additionally, the video did not capture the period when these allegations would have occurred. § 87(2)(g)

**Allegation C – Force: PO Angela Polancobrito struck § 87(2)(b) with an asp at East 188th Street and Webster Avenue in the Bronx.**

§ 87(2)(b) alleged that when she tried to explain to PO Polancobrito that she was wearing a leg brace, PO Polancobrito asked her what she had said and took out her asp and hit her three or four times in her arm. PO Polancobrito denied that she used her asp against § 87(2)(b). After reviewing the video of the incident PO Polancobrito indicated that she could not recall if that was her in the video using the asp against § 87(2)(b). However, Lieutenant Williams was able to identify the officer in the video as PO Polancobrito.

PO Polancobrito claimed that § 87(2)(b) was cursing, screaming and jumping on an officer, which caused Lieutenant Williams to order her to arrest § 87(2)(b). Lieutenant Williams and PO Hobson denied seeing any civilians jumping on any officer's back at the scene. PO Polancobrito claimed that as she tried to arrest § 87(2)(b) used force against her, pushed her and attempted to swing at her. PO Polancobrito characterized § 87(2)(b) as drunk and indicated that she was acting like an emotionally disturbed person.

Video footage of the incident does not show § 87(2)(b) screaming, jumping on any officer's back or acting like an emotionally disturbed person. § 87(2)(b) is part of a small group of relatively quiet people who are just watching what is going on in the middle of the block. The video shows that PO Polancobrito is actually the aggressor, advancing towards § 87(2)(b) from a good distance away while yelling at her, "Did you tell me to shut up?" § 87(2)(b) then moved away from the officer, either from a push or voluntarily, before PO Polancobrito took out her asp and attacked § 87(2)(b) hitting her at least twice. PO Polancobrito continued to attack § 87(2)(b) while PO Eromenok and PO Pichardo attempted to pull § 87(2)(b) away from PO § 87(2)(b).

Polancobrito. Then, once § 87(2)(b) was out of her reach, PO Polancobrito attacked an unidentified female with her asp.

Only that amount of force necessary to overcome resistance will be used to effect an arrest. Excessive force will not be tolerated. Patrol Guide Procedure 203-11 (encl. 1B – 1C).

§ 87(2)(g)  
The video clearly shows that § 87(2)(b) was not violent or a physical threat to PO Polancobrito. § 87(2)(b) did not attack PO Polancobrito or any other officers § 87(2)(g)

**Allegation F – Abuse of Authority: PO Angela Polancobrito refused to provide her name and shield number to § 87(2)(b) at the 46th Precinct Stationhouse.**

**Allegation G – Abuse of Authority: PO Angela Polancobrito threatened to arrest § 87(2)(b) at the 46th Precinct Stationhouse.**

§ 87(2)(b) alleged that she asked for PO Polancobrito's name and shield number and that PO Polancobrito refused. She also alleged that PO Polancobrito took the piece of paper with her name and shield number on it and that when § 87(2)(b) objected she ordered her to leave the stationhouse or she would be arrested. PO Polancobrito denied that § 87(2)(b) ever asked for her name and badge number and indicated that she only threatened to arrest § 87(2)(b) when she was making a scene on the steps of the stationhouse.

Although Lieutenant Williams and Sergeant McFarlane were in the vicinity of § 87(2)(b) and PO Polancobrito, they were not around them for the totality of their interaction at the stationhouse and did not know what occurred between them before § 87(2)(b) was brought to the desk. Although Lieutenant Williams confirmed that § 87(2)(b) was put back in the cells, she denied that it was ever in reference to her causing a scene in front of the stationhouse. § 87(2)(g)

**Allegation H – Abuse of Authority: PO Angela Polancobrito issued a summons to § 87(2)(b)**

§ 87(2)(b) was issued two summonses regarding the incident. Although the summonses could not be obtained by the CCRB, § 87(2)(b) and PO Polancobrito indicated that a disorderly conduct summons was issued for § 87(2)(b)'s actions at East 188<sup>th</sup> Street and Webster Avenue and a second disorderly conduct summons was issued for her actions at the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct Stationhouse. The video shows the circumstances surrounding the issuance of the first summons. This is not the case for the second summons, for which there is only PO Polancobrito's testimony, which is not credible, and that of Lieutenant Williams, who only saw a part of the incident that led up to § 87(2)(b)'s second summons. Because of this, only the appropriateness of the first summons can be correctly determined.

A person is guilty of disorderly conduct when, with intent to cause public inconvenience, annoyance or alarm, he engages in violent or threatening behavior, makes unreasonable noise, uses obscene language or gestures, obstructs vehicular or pedestrian traffic, congregates with other persons and refuses to move or creates a hazardous or physically offensive condition. Penal Law section 240.20 (encl. 1G). To meet the jurisdictional requirement to prosecute a defendant for disorderly conduct, there must be evidence that the defendant intended to cause public

inconvenience or alarm. Something more than a mere inconvenience of pedestrians is required to support a charge for disorderly conduct. People v. Jones, 9 N.Y.3d259 (2007) (encl. 1H – 1K).

PO Polancobrito claimed that she was ordered to arrest § 87(2)(b) by Lieutenant Williams because she was refusing to leave the scene and had jumped on an unknown officer's back. PO Polancobrito further claimed that upon approaching § 87(2)(b) pushed PO Polancobrito and attempted to swing at her as she resisted arrest. § 87(2)(g)

Lieutenant Williams denied that she ordered any officer to arrest § 87(2)(b) and indicated that she only made a general order to nearby officers to get a group of people to disperse from the corner of East 188<sup>th</sup> Street and Webster Avenue. Lieutenant Williams did not indicate that any of these individuals were engaging in tumultuous behavior.

§ 87(2)(g)  
Although the video does not show the initial encounter between § 87(2)(b) and PO Polancobrito, the video starts with a quiet group of people who are not yelling, jumping on any officer or engaging in violent behavior. PO Polancobrito first appears in the video yelling, "Did you tell me to shut up" while walking towards the group from a distance. When § 87(2)(b) is first seen, she is not screaming, flailing her arms or § 87(2)(g)

**Allegation I – Other Misconduct: PO Angela Polancobrito intentionally made a false official statement in violation of Patrol Guide Procedure 203-08.**

Patrol Guide 203-08 indicates that an example of a false statement includes lying in an official Department document or report (encl. 1A). Patrol Guide 212-08 indicates that Activity Logs are official accounts of police activities and are frequently needed for purposes of criminal prosecution and civil litigation (encl. 1D – 1F).

PO Polancobrito's memo book entries regarding the incident characterize § 87(2)(b) as a belligerent aggressor who engaged in violent behavior against PO Polancobrito, fighting with her and swinging at her more than once. It also characterized PO Polancobrito's reaction to this assault as merely displaying her baton in self-defense and using the minimum amount of force necessary to arrest her.

§ 87(2)(g)  
demonstrates that § 87(2)(b) did not attack PO Polancobrito. PO Polancobrito § 87(2)(g) advancing on § 87(2)(b) from a distance away and immediately striking her with her asp. § 87(2)(g)  
§ 87(2)(b) was not belligerent and never swung at PO Polancobrito. § 87(2)(b) only actions were to back up and raise her arm in self-defense. Furthermore, the fact that PO Eromenok and PO Pichardo had to pull § 87(2)(b) away from PO Polancobrito § 87(2)(g)

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## Interview Details

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On August 21, 2010 at approximately 7:30 a.m., [REDACTED] walked from her friend's house near [REDACTED] to the grocery store at [REDACTED] and bought herself a sandwich. She then walked on [REDACTED], where she was going to make a right on her way to her mother's house, which is located on [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] indicated that she had surgery on her right knee on June 29, 2010 and since then she had been staying with her mother. [REDACTED] had a grocery bag, a sandwich and soda and a pocketbook that was around her waist like a fanny-pack. She was wearing a pink tank top, army fatigue pants and pink and black sneakers. She also had an immobilizer underneath her pants on her right leg to prevent her leg from bending that caused her to walk slowly.

As [REDACTED] left the store and walked down the hill on [REDACTED] she crossed the street and noticed that there was a commotion near the intersection of [REDACTED]. She saw a lot of police in uniforms and civilians in the middle of the street along with a paddy-wagon and several marked RMPs. She was not sure how many people and police there were and did not know what was really going on; all she could tell was that the police were pushing people and trying to clear them from the area. Since the people and the commotion was in the street, [REDACTED] assumed that they were clearing the street and pushing people towards the sidewalks. Cars were traveling the wrong way on the one-way street and everything was very confusing. [REDACTED] was walking on the right side of [REDACTED] continuing on to her mother's house. No officers directed her to leave the area at any time and she was away from the commotion and the crowd.

While she was in front of the [REDACTED] restaurant [REDACTED], PO1 said, "Get the fuck out of the way" and pushed [REDACTED] from behind. PO1 was a Hispanic female who was about 5'6" tall, had a small body, had dark colored hair in a pony tail, was in uniform and appeared to be in her 20s or early 30s. No other officers were in the immediate area. [REDACTED] was pushed towards the restaurant and she braced herself against the door of the restaurant, which was locked. [REDACTED] did not move very far because she went into the door and because of the immobilizer. PO1, who was not happy that [REDACTED] was not moving as fast as she wanted, began cursing at [REDACTED] and told her multiple times to, "Hurry the fuck up." [REDACTED] tried to explain that she was going, that she did not have anything to do with what was going on and that she had a leg brace on. PO1 asked, "What did you say?" and then took out her baton and struck [REDACTED] in her upper body. [REDACTED] backed up and blocked the blows with her right forearm. [REDACTED] was hit three or four times, with most of them hitting her forearm. [REDACTED] tried to also tell PO1 that she had not been doing anything wrong.

After PO1 hit [REDACTED] PO2 (a white male) grabbed [REDACTED] shoulders from behind, causing her to fall down on her back. PO1 grabbed her right leg and PO3 (white male) grabbed her left leg and the three officers began dragging her from in front of Three Way to the middle of the street to an RMP near where the commotion was occurring. [REDACTED] estimated that this distance was about three store lengths away. While the officers were dragging her, [REDACTED] who was crying at this point, looked up at PO2 and tried to tell him that she had a leg brace on. The officers dragged her to the RMP and then sat her up and rear hand-cuffed her. [REDACTED] continued to try to tell the officers that she recently had surgery on her leg and that she had a leg brace on and when the officers were telling her to get into the vehicle she attempted to tell them that her leg could not bend because of the immobilizer. PO1 continued to curse at [REDACTED] and told her to shut up and she and PO2 pushed [REDACTED] into the back of the RMP. Because of the partition and her leg brace, [REDACTED] could not sit up and bend her leg so she just laid on her back on the back seat.

[REDACTED] was then transported to the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct. PO1 took her to the back of the precinct and searched [REDACTED] outside of the cells. During the search, PO1 felt [REDACTED] brace under her pants and asked her what it was. [REDACTED] told her that it was an immobilizer from a recent surgery and that that is what she had been trying to tell the officer from the beginning. PO1 said okay and told her to wait a second and that she would let [REDACTED] leave with no problems. PO1 did not indicate that she was going to give [REDACTED] any summonses. [REDACTED] told PO1 that she wanted her name and badge number because she was going to make a complaint against her for arresting her for no reason. PO1 responded, "Since you're going to make a complaint you can get your ass back in the cage." [REDACTED] was then placed in the cells where she was kept for approximately two hours.

When [REDACTED] was removed from the cell, she had to sign a release form, and then was taken to the front of the stationhouse in front of the desk. Behind the desk sat PO4, a black female in uniform who looked young and had a small body type. [REDACTED] could not recall what hair style she had. [REDACTED] was still handcuffed, and PO1 was writing out two summonses for [REDACTED] at the desk. While at the desk, [REDACTED] was looking at PO1's badge and was trying to remember the badge number. PO4 noticed this and asked her if she would like PO1's name and badge number. [REDACTED] told her that she did and PO4 wrote PO1's name and badge number on a piece of paper. PO1 did not say anything while PO4 wrote down her name and badge number but she



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noticed her doing so. The handcuffs were taken off of [REDACTED] and PO4 gave her the piece of paper and PO1 gave her two summonses. As [REDACTED] was walking down the steps of the precinct towards the exit, PO1 came up to her and grabbed the piece of paper from her hand. PO1 told her that she did not need her name and badge number and told her to leave the precinct. [REDACTED] objected, indicating that she knew her rights and that she was allowed to get her name and badge number. PO1 told her to leave or that she could get right back into the cells. [REDACTED] who was in tears, was telling her that it was not right and was also telling several officers near the exit who saw what was happening. These officers were males of mixed races in uniform. The other officers told her that she better do what PO1 said or else PO1 would re-arrest her. PO4 did not hear this interaction. [REDACTED] then left the precinct.

After she was released from the precinct she went to [REDACTED] Hospital. Her right forearm was bruised and swollen from being struck with the baton and she had scrapes and bruises to her back and her butt from being dragged. X-rays were conducted and indicated that she had no broken bones. [REDACTED] also indicated that her immobilizer had been ripped when she was pushed into the RMP, so her leg was not immobilized and she aggravated that injury. [REDACTED] never found out why the officers were at the scene in the first place and did not know of anyone else being arrested. She did not know the names of any witnesses but indicated that several people who knew her family ran to her mother's house and told her what was going on. She also indicated that one of these individuals recorded the incident on a cell phone, but she did not know that individual's name.

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## Interview Details

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PO Angela Polancobrito was interviewed at the CCRB on March 22, 2011. She is assigned to the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct. She worked, in uniform, from 11:15 p.m. on August 20, 2010 until 7:50 a.m. on August 21, 2010. She was assigned to patrol sectors I and J with PO Colon in a marked RMP.

PO Polancobrito had memo book entries regarding the incident. However, she did not bring her memo book to the interview. Although the undersigned investigator had a copy of her memo book that was provided by IAB, the copy is barely legible. PO Polancobrito was given this copy to read from and she could only make out this portion of her entry: [REDACTED] who was apparently intoxicated and received an earlier summons for an open container by another officer, she swung at her and PO Polancobrito had to display the baton and used the minimal amount of force. [REDACTED] was refusing to move and did not comply with officer's orders. [REDACTED] swung at the officers on more than one occasion at the scene.

PO Polancobrito indicated that she would fax the undersigned investigator a better copy of her memo book.

When PO Polancobrito offered her initial statement, she indicated that an 85 was called by Lieutenant Williams and when she got to the incident it was a mess and people were all over the place. PO Polancobrito had to display her baton, as did other officers. She recalled one female jumping on other officers and that when she tried to take her away she jumped on her and tried to swing at her. PO Polancobrito was ordered by Lieutenant Williams to put her in handcuffs because she was acting out of control. This female had a very strong odor of alcohol on her breath and was acting like an EDP. PO Polancobrito said, "I put the cuffs on her to take her to the stationhouse. Then when I took her to the stationhouse she was yelling at me." PO Polancobrito indicated that the female was telling her that that she better let her out of there and that her father was a sergeant on the job and if she did not let her go her father would get her to lose her job. It was almost as if she was daring PO Polancobrito to give her a summons. PO Polancobrito ignored her and wrote her a summons. She gave her the summons and took her out of the cells but she refused to leave and said that everyone was going to listen to her and they would all lose their jobs. The female then went outside and sat down on the steps of the stationhouse and was blocking the door. Lieutenant Williams ordered PO Polancobrito to once again place her in handcuffs and put her in the cells, let her cool off, and then issue her another summons. PO Polancobrito then let her go.

After PO Polancobrito provided her statement, she was asked several questions by Investigator Buchanan and Investigator Lizarazo. PO Polancobrito provided the following information in response to these questions. She indicated that she did not know why the 85 was called. There were a lot of civilians at the scene and they very irritated and were all acting out of control as if they were drunk. A lot of officers responded to the scene but PO Polancobrito could not approximate how many were there. She did not recall seeing any officers in plainclothes or from another command.

When asked if the female who was jumping on the officers was [REDACTED] PO Polancobrito responded that she did not recall and that she just recalled that it was a female. She did not recall what the female looked like. When she first arrived at the scene, the civilians were acting out of control and were jumping at the officers, swinging at the officers, pushing them and refusing to step back. PO Polancobrito had no choice but to take out her baton and used it to push them back to prevent herself from getting hurt. She grabbed her baton on either end with both hands and was using it to push people back. PO Polancobrito did not strike them with her baton.

In regards to the female, PO Polancobrito indicated that when she got to the scene, the female was refusing to leave. An officer had told her to step away but the female did not comply. PO Polancobrito then told her to move but she still refused. The officer who had originally told her to move had his back to her and then the female jumped on his back and was hanging onto him by his shoulders. PO Polancobrito could not recall the identity of this officer. PO Polancobrito saw this and to prevent the officer from getting hurt she grabbed the female and put her to the wall. The female was flailing her arms, swinging at PO Polancobrito and pushing her. PO Polancobrito indicated that she had her baton displayed before but did not recall using against this female. PO Polancobrito smelled alcohol on her and she was acting uncontrollable and elbowing her. Another officer, whose identity PO Polancobrito could not recall, came over and helped her to handcuff her. PO Polancobrito did not recall if she transported this female to the precinct. PO Polancobrito also indicated that after the female had jumped on the other officers back Lieutenant Williams had ordered her to arrest her. PO Polancobrito did not recall handcuffing or interacting with any other civilian. She did not recall hitting any civilian with her baton.

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PO Polancobrito found out [REDACTED] had received a summons for an open container during the search at the precinct. PO Polancobrito recalled that [REDACTED] had received the summons at approximately 2100 hours the night before. [REDACTED] also had told her that she had the summons.

While PO Polancobrito was doing [REDACTED] pedigree outside of the stationhouse when they first arrived there, [REDACTED] was threatening her that if she gave her a summons and her father would get her in trouble. PO Polancobrito placed her in the cells and then gave her a summons for disorderly conduct. After she gave her the summons she told [REDACTED] that she was ready to go but [REDACTED] refused to leave and told her that she would not get away with this and that she would regret it. [REDACTED] sat on the steps to the stationhouse and was blocking the door and refused to move. She was continuing to yell and threaten them. PO Polancobrito told her a couple of times to move as did other officers. PO Polancobrito could not recall the identities of these officers. [REDACTED] refused to move and PO Polancobrito handcuffed her and placed her back in the cells. PO Polancobrito called [REDACTED] father to see if [REDACTED] was telling the truth. The father was in the NYPD and told PO Polancobrito to do what she had to do and give her a summons because his daughter was out of control and he was tired of her bad behavior. [REDACTED] was held in the cells for about 10 minutes before she was released with a second summons for disorderly conduct. [REDACTED] was still saying things after receiving this summons but left.

PO Polancobrito did not recall telling [REDACTED] to get the "fuck" out of her way. She did not recall pushing [REDACTED] or hitting her with her baton. She did not recall [REDACTED] being dragged to the RMP after she was handcuffed. PO Polancobrito did not recall [REDACTED] complaining about a brace on her leg or any other injuries. She did not recall her asking for her name and badge number. PO Polancobrito indicated that she would have received this information anyway from the summons. PO Polancobrito did not recall ever telling [REDACTED] that she would be released without any problems. She did not recall telling [REDACTED] that since she was going to make a complaint she could get her "ass" back in the cage. She did not recall [REDACTED] ever indicating that she was going to make a complaint. She did not recall if another officer ever provided [REDACTED] with her name and shield number on a piece of paper. PO Polancobrito indicated that she had threatened to arrest her outside of the stationhouse when she had refused to move and told [REDACTED] that she was "gonna have to put her right back in the cage."

PO Polancobrito was then showed the video clip that was provided by [REDACTED] attorney. Immediately after watching the clip, PO Polancobrito indicated that that location of the video clip was not where the incident originated. She indicated that the incident originated at [REDACTED] and that the location on the video was [REDACTED]. When she was asked if the officer using the baton in the video was her, PO Polancobrito responded, "I cant even see my face... if that's me." She did not recall if that was her or not and did not recall if the civilian being hit with the baton was [REDACTED]. She indicated that the video did not help her recall anything more about the incident and that the incident had happened a long time ago. She indicated that she gets many jobs every day and its hard for her to even remember what she did last night. She reiterated that she did not know if she was the officer in the video and that it was kind of blurry. PO Polancobrito indicated that the incident started at [REDACTED] and that there were people all the way from there to [REDACTED]. The officers were trying to move the arrested people from [REDACTED] through all the people. PO Polancobrito could not recall the identities of any other officers in the video.

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Lieutenant Joyce Williams was interviewed at the CCRB on April 4, 2011. At the time of her interview she was assigned to Detective Borough Bronx. On August 21, 2010, she was assigned to the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct. She worked, in uniform, from 11:00 p.m. on August 20, 2010 until 7:45 a.m. on August 21, 2010. She was assigned as the platoon commander and worked alone. She was assigned to marked RMP [REDACTED]

Lieutenant Williams's memo book entries regarding the incident are summarized as follows: At 7:15 a.m., Lieutenant Williams arrived at [REDACTED] in response to a call for additional units made by 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct sector CD. Upon her arrival she saw the officers struggling with the perp, who refused to put his hands behind his back and continued to struggle with MOS. Lieutenant Williams maced him until he put his hands behind his back and then he was handcuffed. The 46<sup>th</sup> PCT sector CD unit identified another person at the scene to be arrested and he ran. They chased him to [REDACTED] where PO Hobson and PO Guzman placed him under arrest for OGA. Two females were also placed under arrest for disorderly conduct for yelling and screaming at the scene and failing to disperse when told to. At 7:20 a.m. they had 6 arrests and they were removed to the precinct by different cars. There were numerous units at the scene, including officers from the 48<sup>th</sup> PCT. The 46<sup>th</sup> PCT sector CD unit already had two in the vehicle for fighting and one for PINS warrant. Sector responded to a pickup of juvenile who jumped out of a window. When they tried to apprehend him PO Vega got scraped on the chin and his partner got scraped on the hand. At 7:45 a.m., Lieutenant Williams arrived at the precinct. At 8:30 a.m., while 1 female was being released she started cursing and harassing PO Polancobrito by putting her face towards PO Polancobrito's face. She had to be told to keep her hands behind her back while being brought to the desk to be released. Lieutenant Williams told PO Polancobrito to put her back in the cell and give her another summons.

On August 21, 2010, Lieutenant Williams recalled hearing sector C and D, comprised of PO Joy and PO Vega, screaming into the radio for additional units. Lieutenant Williams was the first to arrive and saw both officers on the floor struggling with one perpetrator. Lieutenant Williams maced him but he still would not budge. After a little while, Lieutenant Williams assumed that once the mace set in, he put his hands behind his back and they were able to handcuff him. While they were doing that either PO Vega or PO Joy pointed out another individual who needed to be arrested and PO Hobson, PO Guzman and Lieutenant Williams chased after him. They followed him into [REDACTED] into apartment where either PO Hobson or PO Guzman were able to get a hand on him and handcuff him. Lieutenant Williams did not assist in handcuffing this individual. She did not recall what these two individuals were charged with. After the second individual was arrested they came out of the building.

When she exited the building she noticed that a large crowd had formed on [REDACTED]. They were in the middle between [REDACTED] and were perhaps a little closer to [REDACTED]. Lieutenant Williams indicated that near [REDACTED] the crowd was not bad. She estimated that about 10 – 20 people were a part of this crowd on [REDACTED] and she assumed that they were friends of the arrested individuals or were from the same building as them. The crowd was near the RMPs, which were parked in the middle of [REDACTED]. The crowd were coming towards the officers and kept on trying to argue with them. Some were also speaking to the perps who were already in the vehicles. The officers were telling everyone to leave and that they had to go because they had a bunch of people under arrest and were trying to get the situation under control. Lieutenant Williams did not recall how many officers responded, but indicated that some officers from the 48<sup>th</sup> Precinct responded, although most of the officers were from the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct. At that point Lieutenant Williams believed they had four under arrest.

Lieutenant Williams indicated that she vaguely remembered the other two females being arrested and that this occurred on the corner of [REDACTED] not far from where the RMPs were. There were too many people on the corner so Lieutenant Williams made a general order to nearby officers to get them out of there. She did not specifically order any officers to do so. She recalled PO Polancobrito going over to the corner and going at it with a heavyset Hispanic female. Lieutenant Williams was shown an old mugshot of [REDACTED] and confirmed that she was the heavyset Hispanic female. Lieutenant Williams only recalled hearing loud talking back and forth between PO Polancobrito and [REDACTED]. PO Polancobrito was telling her to move and [REDACTED] was telling her that she did not have to go. Lieutenant Williams did not recall the other officers at the corner. She did not recall seeing how [REDACTED] was arrested or if an asp was used against her. She could not recall if any officers had their asps out but she was sure that some probably did. Lieutenant Williams could not recall the identity of the other female who was arrested at that corner. Lieutenant Williams never heard PO Polancobrito say, "Get the fuck out of my way."

Lieutenant Williams recalled one of the females that was arrested near the corner was uncooperative after she was arrested. While handcuffed, the female threw herself to the floor and was telling the officers that they could not touch her because she was

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a female. She was on the floor laid out on her stomach and two officers had to pick her up and place her in the RMP. The officers picked her up one on either side of her and grabbed her legs. They did not drag her on the floor. Lieutenant Williams did not recall if this female ever complained about a knee injury or having a leg brace on.

Lieutenant Williams then went to the precinct. While at the precinct she was in the area of the desk when PO Polancobrito was bringing out the heavyset Hispanic female, [REDACTED]. Lieutenant Williams that [REDACTED] was being released with a summons and that in the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct when perps are being released they are walked from the cells to the front desk where they are given their summons. During this time they are not handcuffed but they must keep their hands behind their back. While [REDACTED] was being brought to the desk by PO Polancobrito she would not listen to the officer and they were yelling back and forth at each other. Lieutenant Williams was not sure what they were arguing about and just thought that [REDACTED] was angry at PO Polancobrito. When [REDACTED] got to the desk, Lieutenant Williams told her that she was getting released with a summons and that she needed to keep her hands behind her back and be quiet. [REDACTED] replied no and called PO Polancobrito a bitch and was cursing at her and getting very close to the officer's face. Lieutenant Williams did not recall [REDACTED] flailing her arms but remembered that they were not behind her back. PO Polancobrito was telling [REDACTED] to shut up and that she was getting released. Lieutenant Williams told PO Polancobrito that she could not release her the way she was and to put her back in the cell. [REDACTED] was not out for long and that part of the incident took as long as it took her to be walked from the cell to the desk. Lieutenant Williams could not recall if [REDACTED] ever spoke to the desk sergeant or if any officer gave [REDACTED] a piece of paper.

To Lieutenant Williams's knowledge, [REDACTED] never claimed that her father was a MOS. She did not know if PO Polancobrito had called her father to confirm that and thought that if either were the case PO Polancobrito would have said something to her. She did not recall hearing [REDACTED] ask PO Polancobrito for her name and badge number. She did not hear PO Polancobrito tell [REDACTED] that since she wanted to make a complaint she could get her ass back into the cage. [REDACTED] never went outside prior to being placed back into the cells. She was never sitting on the steps causing a scene or yelling or cursing.

Lieutenant Williams was shown the cell phone video clip. She confirmed that the location of the video clip was [REDACTED], around the block from [REDACTED]. She recognized the female officer using the asp as PO Polancobrito because she has worked with her for so many years and recognized her voice as well. She did not recall if the female in the pink shirt was [REDACTED]. Lieutenant Williams indicated that she did not recall seeing this happen during the incident. She identified one of the male officers going to assist PO Polancobrito as PO Eromenok of the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct. She thought the other male officer going to assist was PO Eromenok's partner. She could not identify any other officers. She did not recall if the black female civilian in the white shirt was arrested. She identified herself as the black female officer in the white shirt running over to the area after the scuffle starts. Lieutenant Williams believed that the officers handcuffed a couple of people around the corner out of view of the clip.

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PO Rafael Colon was interviewed at the CCRB on April 5, 2011. He is assigned to the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct. He worked, in uniform, from 11:15 p.m. on August 20, 2010 until 7:50 a.m. on August 21, 2011. He was assigned to patrol sectors I and J with PO Polancobrito in marked RMP [REDACTED].

PO Colon had no memo book entries regarding the incident.

PO Colon and PO Polancobrito responded to a call for additional units made by PO Joy and PO Vega and were one of the last units to arrive to the scene. Approximately 20 officers were already at the scene. PO Colon saw only officers in uniform but indicated that some plainclothes officers may have been there as well. There was also a crowd of about 30 people on the corners of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], most of the crowd was on the corner of [REDACTED]. The crowd was yelling at the officers but PO Colon could not make out what they were saying. Upon arriving, PO Colon walked up [REDACTED] to where PO Joy and PO Vega were in the middle of block between [REDACTED]. He asked them what had happened and to see if they were all right. PO Polancobrito had gone towards the corner of [REDACTED] with other officers. PO Colon did not know what happened at the corner with PO Polancobrito and never saw her arrest anyone. When PO Colon walked back to the corner of [REDACTED] he found PO Polancobrito and they left the scene and went to the precinct. PO Colon did not recall seeing PO Polancobrito interact with any arrested individuals at the precinct and did not recall her giving anyone summonses.



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Sergeant Nicole McFarlane was interviewed at the CCRB on April 6, 2011. She is assigned to the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct. On August 21, 2010, she worked, in uniform, from 6:55 a.m. until 3:52 p.m. She was assigned as the desk officer.

Sergeant McFarlane had no memo book entries regarding the incident.

Sergeant McFarlane recalled that when she came onto the desk two females [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were in the holding cells. Lieutenant Williams was near the desk as well and while Sergeant McFarlane was doing entries, Lieutenant Williams told her that the two female prisoners would be released shortly so she would not have to worry about finding a female officer to sit with them. Since Sergeant McFarlane was just taking over the desk she was busy moving around doing paperwork and getting stuff ready. Suddenly Lieutenant Williams told her that [REDACTED] was not leaving because she had been mouthing off. Sergeant McFarlane did not see or hear [REDACTED] mouthing off because they were in the far off cells and did not know of any problems. [REDACTED] left later on and Sergeant McFarlane did not recall anything being wrong when she left or her saying much.

Sergeant McFarlane never spoke with [REDACTED] and never heard her ask for PO Polancobrito's name and shield number. Sergeant McFarlane did not think she gave [REDACTED] a piece of paper with PO Polancobrito's name and shield number on it. She never heard PO Polancobrito say that since she was going to make a complaint she could get her ass back in the cage. Sergeant McFarlane did not recall if [REDACTED] ever sat on the precinct steps while yelling and screaming, although she also said she would not have been able to see outside from the desk.

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PO Steven Eromenok was interviewed at the CCRB on April 20, 2011. He is assigned to the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct. He worked, in uniform, from 11:15 p.m. on August 20, 2010 until 7:50 a.m. on August 21, 2010. He was assigned to patrol sectors K and P with PO Dunlay in a marked RMP.

PO Eromenok had no memo book entries regarding the incident.

On August 21, 2010 at approximately 7:30 a.m., PO Eromenok and PO Dunlay responded to an 85. When they arrived at the scene there was already a lot of officers there. There were patches of groups of people around and the crowd was wild, interfering with the arrests and refusing to move away from the scene. PO Eromenok saw several people who were already in handcuffs and being led to police vehicles. PO Eromenok could not really remember what happened during the incident and indicated that it was a typical 85. He did not recall if PO Polancobrito was there. He did not recall assisting in handcuffing anyone. He did not see any officer using their asp or with it out. After the incident he went back to the precinct and immediately signed out. He did not interact with any of the arrested individuals.

PO Eromenok was shown the video but it did not refresh his memory regarding the incident. He could not tell who the officer was with the asp and indicated that it was too blurry. He could not recognize if he was one of the officers walking to assist the officer with the asp.

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PO Lawrence Dunlay was interviewed at the CCRB on April 20, 2011. He is assigned to the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct. He worked, in uniform, from 11:15 p.m. on August 20, 2010 until 7:50 a.m. on August 21, 2010. He was assigned to sectors K and P with PO Eromenok in a marked RMP.

PO Dunlay's memo book entries regarding the incident are as follows: At 7:20 a.m. he responded to a call for additional units at [REDACTED].

On August 21, 2010 at approximately 7:30 a.m., PO Dunlay and PO Eromenok responded to an 85 at [REDACTED]. When they arrived there was a crowd of people who were hostile and were yelling and screaming at the officers. PO Dunlay saw someone get arrested but he could not recall what the person looked like or whether the person was a male or female. He was shown a mug shot photo of [REDACTED] but he did not recognize her. He did not assist in handcuffing any civilians and did not see any officer use their asp or have an asp out. He was unsure if PO Polancobrito was at the scene. PO Dunlay was shown the video clip but it did not refresh his memory regarding the incident. He could not tell who the officer with the asp was and indicated that incidents were occurring on the other side of the street so the officers' attentions were split.

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PO Ronald Hobson was interviewed at the CCRB on May 3, 2011. He is assigned to the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct. He worked, in uniform, from 11:15 p.m. on August 20, 2010 until 7:50 a.m. on August 21, 2010. He was assigned to patrol with PO Pichardo in a marked RMP.

PO Hobson had no memo book entries regarding the incident.

PO Hobson and PO Richardo responded to a call for additional units and when they arrived, there were already several RMPs at the scene. As they exited their vehicle, PO Hobson saw his female lieutenant speaking with a male. The lieutenant was telling the male that he had to back up and stop using foul language. The male was yelling and screaming at the police and was cursing as well, telling them that he did not give a “fuck” about the police. When the male refused to stop acting disorderly, the lieutenant directed PO Hobson to arrest him. The male ran and PO Hobson and PO Guzman gave chase. After about a block and a half PO Hobson and PO Guzman caught the man and, after a struggle, were able to handcuff him. Other officers came and brought the male to a vehicle while PO Hobson dusted himself off, got a drink of water and rested from the chase.

PO Hobson stayed at the scene for an additional 5 or 10 minutes. There was a crowd of about 50 people at the scene. PO Hobson indicated that some of these were just people walking to work who stopped to see what was going on while another portion of the crowd were people who he assumed was the reason he was called to the scene. These people were yelling at the police, telling them to get out of here, “fuck” the police and that they had not called for the police. PO Hobson did not see any civilians jumping on officers. PO Hobson knows PO Polancobrito but did not recall seeing her at the scene. People in the building along the street were throwing bottles and other debris at the officers and the officers left the scene. PO Hobson did not assist in any other arrests and did not see anyone else get arrested. The incident was pretty much over when he left the scene.

PO Hobson went back to the stationhouse and then went end of tour. He did not see any of the recently arrested individuals. PO Hobson was shown the video clip but it did not refresh his memory regarding the incident. He indicated that his RMP was parked near [REDACTED] He did not recognize any of the officers in the video.

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PO Mark Lopez was interviewed at the CCRB on May 10, 2011. He is assigned to the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct. On August 21, 2010, he worked, in uniform, from 8:05 a.m. until 4:40 p.m. He was assigned to stationhouse security.

PO Lopez had no memo book entries regarding the incident.

PO Lopez did not recall the incident. He was explained the situation and still could not recall. He was shown the old arrest photograph of [REDACTED] but he indicated that she did not look familiar.

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PO Gypsy Pichardo was interviewed at the CCRB on May 24, 2011. He is assigned to the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct. He worked, in uniform, from 11:15 p.m. on August 20, 2010 until 7:50 a.m. on August 21, 2010. He was assigned to patrol sector H with PO Hobson in a marked RMP.

PO Pichardo had the following memo book entries regarding the incident: At 7:18 a.m. he responded to a call for additional units to [REDACTED]. At 7:28 a.m. he arrived back at the precinct.

On August 21, 2010, PO Pichardo responded to a call for additional units for a disorderly group. Upon arriving to the scene, other officers were there already as was about 10 – 20 people who were mostly intoxicated. PO Pichardo could tell they were intoxicated because they smelled of alcohol. This crowd was standing in the middle of the street and on the sidewalk and was refusing to move and was yelling at the officers who were trying to get them to disperse.

One heavyset Hispanic female was being told to move and refused and was yelling back at the male and female officers around her and was using obscene language. This female pushed an officer, PO Pichardo could not recall who, and then the officers attempted to arrest her. She resisted arrest by refusing to put her hands behind her back and pushing the officers. PO Pichardo could not recall if the officer used an asp against the female. PO Pichardo could not recall if he assisted in handcuffing the female but recalled that he assisted in putting her into an RMP. The female continued to resist by pushing back and trying to prevent the officers from putting her in the car. The female told the officers during this time that she had a leg brace on and that it caused her to have a hard time walking. Before being placed into the vehicle, the female fell on the ground on her own and PO Pichardo had to pick her up and put her in the car. PO Pichardo could not recall if she was pushed in or placed into the vehicle. PO Pichardo could not recall if he transported the female to the precinct. He did not see her at the precinct after the incident.

PO Pichardo never heard an officer yell, “Get the fuck out of my way.” He never saw an officer push the female who he helped arrest and never heard an officer tell her to hurry the fuck up. He never saw her struck with an asp. He never dragged her to the RMP after she was in handcuffs.

The interview went off the record at 9:13 a.m. to find an interview room that could show the video clip of the incident. The interview went back on the record at 9:14 a.m. with PO Pichardo, Investigator Buchanan and Louis Albert.

After seeing the video, PO Pichardo indicated that he did not think that was the female he assisted to arrest and that he did not think he was any of the officers pictured in the video. He did not recall that happening at the incident.



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PO Ajish Joy was interviewed at the CCRB on May 26, 2011. He is assigned to the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct. He worked, in uniform, from 11:15 p.m. on August 20, 2010 until 7:50 a.m. on August 21, 2010. He was assigned to patrol sectors C and D with PO Vega in a marked RMP.

PO Joy had the following memo book entries regarding the incident: At 7:15 a.m. he had a pick up of an assault at [REDACTED]. At 7:20 a.m. he had four arrests and two juvenile arrests. At 7:25 a.m. he transported juveniles to the precinct.

On August 21, 2010, PO Joy and PO Vega noticed a fight between two young boys at the corner of [REDACTED]. He and PO Vega exited the car and approached the individuals, who were rolling around on the floor hitting each other. PO Joy and PO Vega separated them and picked them up but they continued acting aggressively so they handcuffed them. PO Joy was holding one individual while PO Vega was holding the other one. Suddenly, another individual, [REDACTED], walked by and tried to grab the person that PO Vega was holding. PO Vega left his perp and went to stop [REDACTED] and they eventually began fighting. PO Joy grabbed the other boy and placed both of them in their RMP before going to assist in arresting [REDACTED] for OGA. They had a hard time arresting him so they called for additional units. They were finally able to get him to the ground but they were still unable to handcuff him. PO Joy's lieutenant arrived at the scene and pepper-sprayed [REDACTED], allowing the officers to finally handcuff him. PO Joy also got some pepper-spray in his face. An unknown officer took [REDACTED] and placed him in an RMP while PO Joy tried to wash the mace out of his eyes. PO Joy did not assist in any other arrests and did not see a Hispanic female get arrested.

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PO Sabino Guzman was interviewed at the CCRB on June 2, 2011. He is assigned to the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct. He worked, in uniform, from 11:15 p.m. on August 20, 2011 until 7:50 a.m. on August 21, 2010. He was assigned to patrol sectors M and N with PO Cruz in an marked RMP.

PO Guzman had no memo book entries regarding the incident.

PO Guzman did not recall the incident. He was explained the circumstances of the incident and still could not recall. He believed that he did not respond to the incident.